Empowerment, which provides concessional finance to members of the backward classes asked the concerned State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) to submit proposals for financial assistance for the affected people of the target group. The SCA of Tamil Nadu submitted a project proposal for training programmes for the affected people and Corporation has sanctioned Rs. 25.00 lakhs for the above project.

Implementation of Bodo Accord, 2003

2125. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not implementing clause 8 of the 2nd Bodo Accord, 2003 regarding the inclusion of Boro kocharis of Karbi-Anglong, Assam into the ST (Hills) list; and

(b) the stipulated time, if any, by when the Bill in this connection is likely to be brought in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AND AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) and (b) There is a procedure prescribed for inclusion of communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes. No definite time-frame can be provided in this regard.

Diversion of funds in Assam

2126. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that huge amount of funds, out of the funds released as grants under the provision of Article 275(1) for Assam in 2003-04 have been diverted to some areas other than tribal sub-plan and belt block areas;

(b) if so, the details of the funds and their diversions, scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBALAFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) and (b) The Ministry has received a letter dated 27.01.2005 from the Office of the Guwahati District Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Guwahati alleging that the Welfare of Plains Tribes and Backward Classes Deptt, Government, of Assam have diverted funds meant for TSP area to other Non-TSP areas. A statement indicating scheme-wise funds released under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution

to the State Government of Assam during 2003-04 is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) The matter has been taken up with the State Government of Assam' for factual report.

Statement

Details of funds released to the State of Assam

(Rupees in lakhs)

SI. N	Projects 2003-2004	Districts/ITDPs	Amount Released
1	Construction of Roads, Bridges, School buildings, Community Centres etc. 161 Nos.	ITDPsofTezpur, Goalpara, Guwahati, Udalguri, Majuli, Jonai, Mangaldoi, Nalbari, North-Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Dhemaji	
2	Construction of Roads, Bridges, School buildings, Community Centres etc. 87 Nos.	Proposal from Assam Tribal Dev. Authority	
		TOTAL	668.87

Tribal population in Tamil Nadu

2127. SHRI S. P. M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal population in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last five years for welfare of the tribals in Tamil Nadu;

(c) how many Integrated Tribal Development Agencies are functioning in the State; and

(d) the responsibilities/tasks of these agencies for development of the tribal community?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) As per 2001 Census, the tribal population in Timal Nadu is 651,321.